

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15
By Matheny

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Dan Lawson, on his selection as the 2002-2003 Superintendent of the Year by the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers and administrators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality leadership and guidance to Tennessee's school systems; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawson is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawson has recently been selected 2002-2003 Superintendent of the Year by the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, an honor most befitting his outstanding career as a principal and school administrator, as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Dan Lawson received his bachelor's degree from The University of Missouri- Kansas City, a master's degree from Southwest Missouri State University, and a Ph.D. from The University of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawson has served with acumen and alacrity as a high school principal and school superintendent for eighteen exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, Dan Lawson is an extremely talented, compassionate, and organized administrator who works assiduously to motivate his students and faculty to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, He has served with excellence as the Director of the Tullahoma City School System since 1997; during his tenure there, he has made great strides towards improving teamwork among schools and faculty, increasing morale, bettering the system's relationship within the community, and improving vocational programs; and

WHEREAS, A well educated professional, Dr. Lawson has most deservedly earned the respect and approval of the highly educated Tullahoma community, which is home to the U.S. Air Force's Arnold Engineering Development Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawson truly serves as an inspiration to faculty, staff, and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, He has given many beneficial presentations on improving education at all levels; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawson is a valuable member of many professional organizations, including the American Association of School Administrators, the Education Law Association, the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the Association of Independent and Municipal Schools, which he has served as President; and

WHEREAS, Constantly striving to better himself, Dr. Lawson has attended numerous seminars and development activities to help him better govern the Tullahoma City school system; and

WHEREAS, A deeply spiritual man, Dr. Lawson most graciously devotes much of his spare time to teaching Sunday School for a class of high school students; and

WHEREAS, His many professional accomplishments aside, Dan Lawson is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship he shares with his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawson selflessly gives of his time to participate in a multitude of community activities, including the Highland Rim Council Board of Directors of the Boy Scouts

of America, the Board of Directors of the Tullahoma, Tennessee Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors of the Tullahoma Huddle of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Tullahoma Basketball Boosters; he is also the "Public Relations" Chair of the Tullahoma Noon Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dan Lawson truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated educator and school administrator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Dan Lawson on being chosen as the 2002-2003 Superintendent of the Year by the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents. We commend his exceptional service to the schools of Tullahoma, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.